



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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Reminders

On-Call Plus

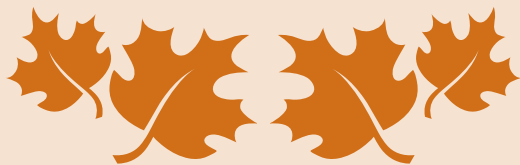
Remember to schedule a free On-Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments during the holiday season from December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013. However, vouchers to the SMaRT Station® will still be available. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for more information.

Collection Schedule

There is no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week with Friday collection on Saturday.

Keep a Tidy Neighborhood

Help keep your neighborhood clean and neat. Reduce litter during collection by putting garbage in durable plastic bags and tie shut before putting in garbage cart. For recycling, put shredded confidential papers inside *paper* bags (not plastic) and fold shut before putting in recycling cart. Your neighbors will thank you!



New State Mandatory Recycling Law

The State of California recently passed Assembly Bill 341, establishing a new state diversion goal of 75% by 2020; and a mandatory commercial recycling law that went into effect on July 1, 2012. The bill builds on the success of California's landmark 1989 recycling legislation (AB 939), which required each city and county to cut the amount of waste going to landfill in half by the year 2000.

In the past, statewide diversion efforts have largely focused on residential recycling, but almost 75% of California's solid waste generation is from commercial sources. Multi-family residential complexes with shared garbage service are considered part of the commercial sector. While Mountain View has a very high participation rate in our free recycling programs, additional work is still needed to achieve higher diversion in the commercial sector.

With the passage of AB 341, if you have a commercial business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, or a multi-family complex with 5 or more units, you are subject to the new mandatory recycling law, and must subscribe to recycling service. To find out if your business or apartment complex meets the requirements of the law or to subscribe to recycling service, contact Recology Mountain View at **(650) 967-3034**.



Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance Under Development

In April, the City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance regulating both plastic and paper single-use bags. The ordinance, if adopted, would prohibit retailers from providing plastic bags to customers at the point of sale and require a minimum 10 cent charge (increasing to 25 cents over time) for paper or reusable bags. Bags without handles intended to hold meat and produce, segregate merchandise to prevent damage or hold prescription medication dispensed from a pharmacy, would not be included.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released for review and public input gathered from residents and businesses over the summer. Once the final EIR is certified, the Council will consider adoption of the ordinance, likely in October or November 2012. If adopted, the ordinance could go into effect in mid-2013.

For more information, or to receive notice of the Council meeting later this fall, please visit www.MVrecycle.org.



Green Light Film Festival Awards

The seventh annual Greenlight Earth Day Film Festival was held in April and showcased student-produced films exploring environmental citizenship and how individual actions can reduce environmental impacts. The City of Mountain View, in its second year of participation, had a great showing with 28 entries from local schools. Students from the German International School of Silicon Valley, located in Mountain View, took home 3 of the awards, winning the Middle School, Community Energy Champion and Open categories. Graham Middle School students submitted the most entries from any single school. The winners, along with a teacher champion from Graham Middle School, were recognized at a City Council meeting on June 12. Participate in the next festival by submitting your own film or by attending the screening to view finalist entries. Information about the 2013 event will be posted at www.MVrecycle.org beginning in November.

Is Your Home Wasting Energy?

Sign Up with Energy Upgrade Mountain View to Find Out—15 minutes Could Save You \$100 or More!

The City is providing up to 1,500 FREE home energy assessments for both *homeowners* and *renters*. All participants receive a free energy-saving device, and a customized *Home Energy Profile* that explains how energy is being used in their home, and which no- and low-cost actions will save the most energy and money.

Join 600 of your neighbors already using this innovative energy-saving program! Go to EnergyUpgradeMV.org for more information, to sign up, or to register for a FREE evening "Information Session."



How to Recycle at Home

1. Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

2. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

3. Paper (Grey Lid)

Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

4. Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

5. Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The **On Call Plus** clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.
* Apartment managers must call Recology at **650-967-3034** to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.MVRecycle.org** for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4’ in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

Schedule an On Call Plus Pick-Up

It’s easy! Call Recology at 650-967-3034 to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.
Appointments may be scheduled anytime before December 21, 2012. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013 to allow for collection of holiday trees.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Extra recycling only can be dropped off at the Mountain View Recycling Center, 935 Terra Bella Avenue. Sorry, extra recycling will not be collected in bags outside the cart because drivers operate fully automated trucks with mechanical arms.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.

Accepted

Mixed Paper



Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes • Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics) • Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines • Manila folders • Paper egg cartons • Paper bags • Post-it-notes • Paperback books • Shredded paper • Telephone books • Writing paper

Mixed Containers (Caps and Lids OK)

Glass bottles and jars
Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin and steel)
Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7



Not Accepted

Mixed Paper

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes • Hardback books • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons or pouches • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper, cardboard or cartons

Mixed Containers

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics and porcelain • Clamshells* • Drinking glasses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets, garden hoses) • Plastic bags or other plastic film • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and Pans (or other scrap metal) • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 3 (Week A).

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

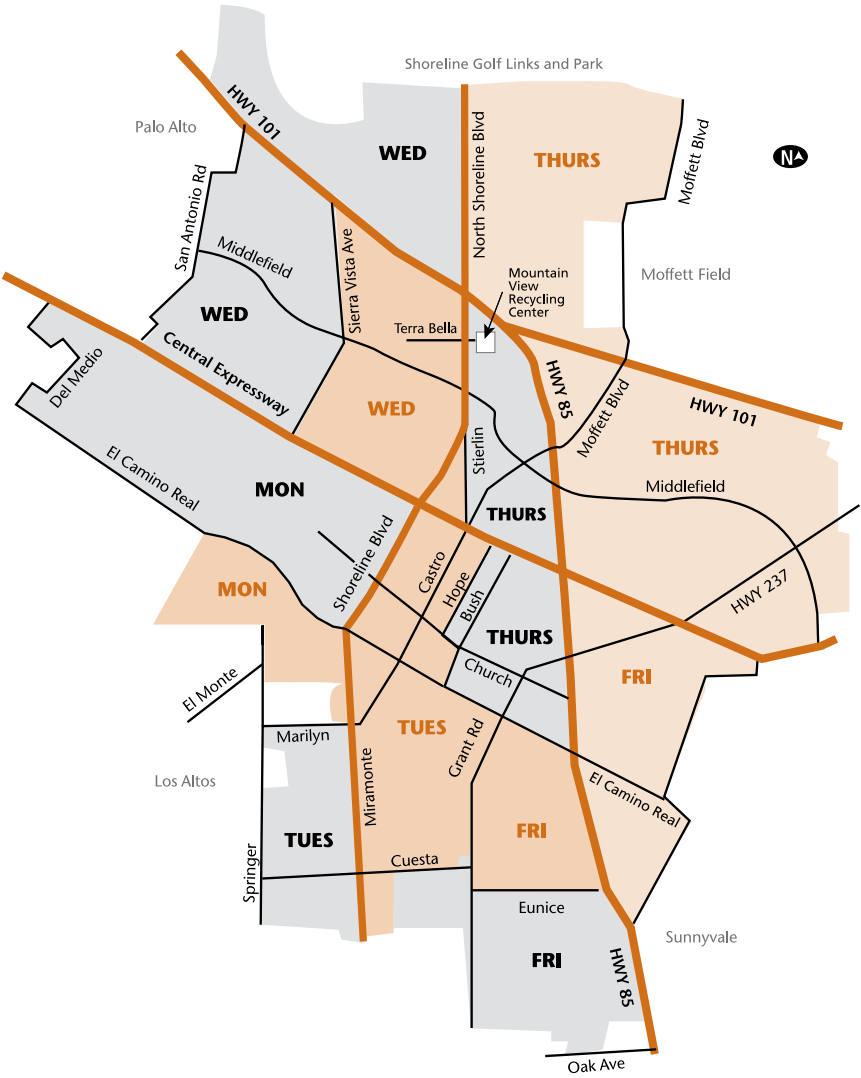
Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 24), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 21, 2012 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013.

*Find your collection day online: www.MVRecycle.org and click on collection schedule.

Color = Week A
Grey = Week B



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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034) Curbside Collection On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530) 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (one each) (**fee***)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (**fee***)
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Passenger Tires (limit four) (**fee***)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (**fee***)
- Water heaters (**fee***)



County HHW Program (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org) By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).

² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

***Fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher**

E-waste drop-off events sponsored by Santa Clara County and cities. Event locations and dates are variable around the County, check www.hhw.org for updated information.

Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

Lamps and batteries

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware

2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

Lamps only

New Era Lighting
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

Batteries only

Wolfe Camera
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

Services

Utility and garbage billing information

including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Department
650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection

including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what’s recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Recology Mountain View
650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste

free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline
408-299-7300
www.hhw.org

Home composting information

including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline
408-918-4640
www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff
650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program

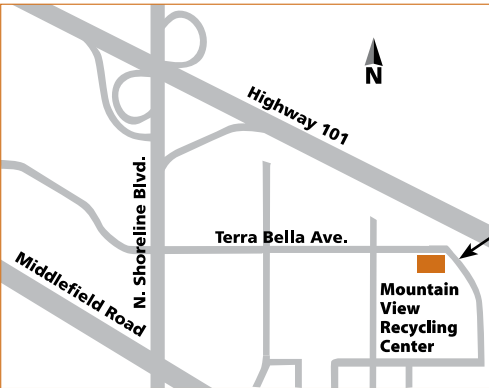
City Public Works Department
650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff
650-903-6216

Visit the City of Mountain View’s web site for business or residential recycling information: **www.MVRecycle.org**

Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem “California Redemption Value” cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

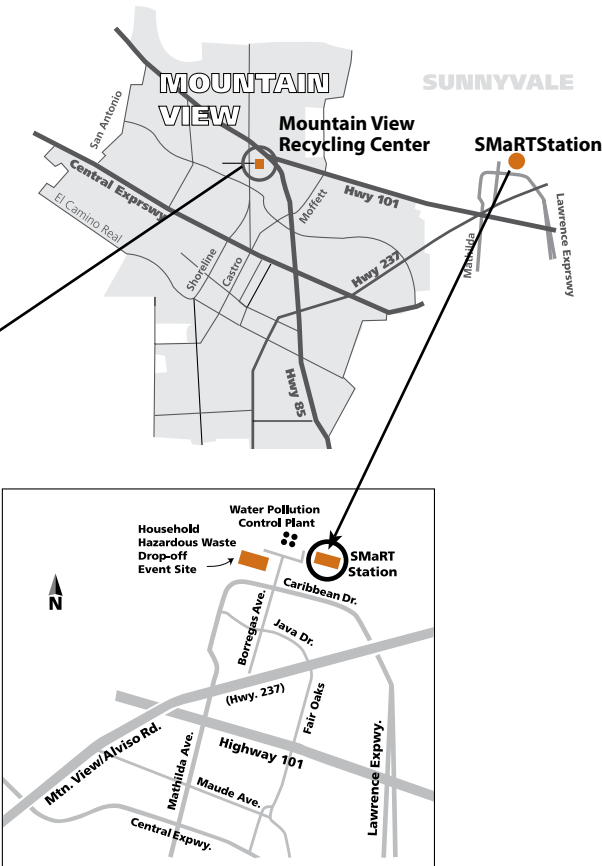
Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Days.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Cardboard • Glass bottles and jars • Household batteries • Metal cans and lids • Mixed Paper • Newspaper • Plastic bottles and tubs #1–#7 • Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Find out more online:
www.hhw.org



Home Composting

Learn to compost and create a healthy and sustainable garden. To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online:
www.ReduceWaste.org



Fall 2012 Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar

September 8	Home Composting Workshop (Sunnyvale)
September 15	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day California Coastal Cleanup Day (www.CleanACreek.org)
October 6	Home Composting Workshop (Cupertino)
October 13	Home Composting Workshop (Sunnyvale) Home Composting Workshop (Palo Alto)
October 20	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
November 3	Confidential Document Shredding Event (info: 650-903-6311)
November 10	Home Composting Workshop (Sunnyvale)
November 15	America Recycles Day (www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)
November 17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
Dec. 26–Jan. 18	Holiday Tree Collection on your regular recycling day
Dec. 26–Jan. 4	Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular recycling day



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